

Agency 119

**Commission On African-American Affairs****Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2003-05 Expenditure Authority</b>	1.8	402		402
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	1.8	452		452
Difference		50		50
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	12.4%		12.4%
<b>Performance Changes</b>				
General Inflation		(2)		(2)
Address Disparity Issues	1.2	146		146
<b>Subtotal</b>	1.2	144		144
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	3.0	596		596
Difference	1.2	194		194
Percent Change from Current Biennium	66.7%	48.3%		48.3%
<b>Total Proposed Budget by Activity</b>				
Advocacy and Coordination of Issues for African-American Community	3.0	596		596
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	3.0	596		596

**PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS****Address Disparity Issues**

The Commission on African-American Affairs is responsible for articulating the unique health, educational, social, and economic issues of the African American community, and making recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and state agencies with respect to these issues. In 2005-07, a policy analyst will seek to improve the economic vitality of the African-American community by increasing participation in state contracting opportunities and the minority and women-owned businesses' state certification program. This work will be done in collaboration with other minority commissions, the Office of the Governor, the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises, and local economic vitality programs. In addition, the policy analyst will help coordinate a state convention on health care to address health disparities and will address in collaboration with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, some challenges of the Washington Assessment of Student Learning for the African-American community and limited English proficient population.

**ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS****Advocacy and Coordination of Issues for African-American Community**

The African-American Affairs Commission's primary purpose is to improve public policy development for, and government services delivery to, the African-American community. The commission was created as an effort to fulfill the duty of the state to improve the status of African Americans who find themselves disadvantaged or isolated from the benefits of equal opportunity. The commission examines issues pertaining to the rights and needs of the African-American community, and makes recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and state agencies for changes in programs and laws. The commission has conducted public information and outreach programs in support of educational achievement, as well as developed special studies and proposed legislation to address issues of concern to the African-American community.